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The Appeal brief (paper no. 19), filed 14 January 2004, is defective because it fails to provide a proper listing of the current claims. In the "claims" section, Applicant submitted what appears to be arguments relating to the claims.

The Appeal in this Application will be dismissed unless corrective action is taken to timely submit the brief and requisite fee. Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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